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Dear Tribal Leader:

Indian Affairs seeks to improve service delivery to Indian Country and Alaska Native villages for energy development and production. This includes consideration of consolidating energy related services within Indian Affairs. Currently, there are two energy service divisions in Indian Affairs outside of a single reporting structure. The Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) is currently within the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, which reports to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. The Indian Energy Service Center (IESC) currently reports to the Office of Trust Services (OTS) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

The DEMD's mission is to provide the best possible technical and economic advice and services in assisting Indian mineral owners to achieve economic self-sufficiency by creating sustainable economies through the environmentally sound development of their energy and mineral resources. The IESC's mission is to streamline business processes to efficiently develop the Indian mineral estate while protecting trust assets by removing barriers to all types of energy, renewable energy, and mineral development on Indian land.

Indian Affairs strives to make sound organizational and business case decisions with the support, insight, and leadership from Tribes. To that end, Indian Affairs will host the following tribal consultations and a listening session on the realignment of these energy programs:

Date	Time	Type	Location
February10,	5pm - 6pm	Listening	Capital Hilton
2020		Session	Washington, DC
			(at location of National Congress of American
			Indians Executive Council Winter Session)
March 2,	3pm - 4:50pm	Consultation	Paris Las Vegas Hotel & Casino
2020		1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Las Vegas, NV
		and the fe	(at location of Reservation Economic Summit)
March 10,	9am – 12pm	Consultation	Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
2020	-	1 2 2 7 7	777 West Cherokee Street
	×	9.0	Catoosa, OK 74015
March 19,	9am - 12pm	Consultation	Denver West Parkway
2020		1 1	4th Floor Conference Room
		1 21	1627 Cole Blvd - Bldg. 7
		2-1 ⁷ NI	Lakewood, CO 80841
March 26,	2pm - 4pm	Consultation	Teleconference
2020	Eastern Time		888-469-1348, Passcode 8011848

Indian Affairs looks forward to working with you as we enhance and modernize services to better meet your needs and support Tribal economic development, self-determination, and self-governance.

If you have any questions, you may contact Johnna Blackhair, Deputy Bureau Director, OTS-BIA, at (202) 208-5968 or <u>johnna.blackhair@bia.gov</u> and Anthony Morgan Rodman, Acting Director, IEED, at (202) 573-2740 or anthony.rodman@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

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